

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2787 - SB 2656

February 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that if a defendant is convicted of an offense involving a motor vehicle and there are two or more victims of the offense, each victim will constitute a separate offense and the sentences for each offense shall be served consecutively if the offense results in serious bodily injury or death to the victims; the victims are first responders and the offense occurs during the course of the victim's duties as first responders; and the offense occurs while the first responders are in route to a traffic accident or medical emergency, are at the scene of an accident or emergency rendering aid, or are in route to a hospital or other medical facility following the accident or emergency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, a court may order a defendant's sentences to run consecutively only upon a finding of specific established considerations such as whether the defendant is a professional or career criminal, has an extensive record of criminal activity, or is a dangerous offender.
- Mandating consecutive sentences in the enumerated circumstances set out in this bill may increase incarceration costs for the Department of Correction; however, such increase is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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